



Heartstring Quilters

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Greetings, quilters. The month of March brings with it many exciting opportunities in the quilt and fiber realm. A very inspirational period of color and artistry is unfolding in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. Thanks to the tireless work of quilt enthusiasts and curators, several impressive exhibitions, tours and lectures will serve to celebrate and promote quilts. It was a visit to the Art Quilts at the Sedgewick exhibition several years ago that led me to Heartstring Quilters Guild, and I will forever be grateful to Cindy Friedman, who was on docent duty that day, for openly encouraging me to check out the guild. That was at a time when I did not yet have much idea of the limitless art materials and stylistic possibilities for making modern usable quilts and art quilts. After seeing the vibrant work, I knew this was something I wanted to continue to learn about.

In March and April, we will have a chance to appreciate both traditional and postmodern textile art. ArtQuilt Elements will showcase quilts of a modest scale, though the show itself expands at a better equipped facility, while preserving an intimate experience. Those interested in quilts should not be deceived by the small size of the DaVinci Art Alliance (on Catherine Street, across from the Fleisher Art Memorial); the artistry will be expansive! Even if you cannot attend the exhibitions that are part of FiberPhiladelphia, encouraging others to make a visit will help inform people about our medium.

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March Meeting *PREPARE TO CONTRIBUTE*

On March 13th, we will share our own photographs of our sewing rooms or studios, and exchange tips and tricks for set up, organization and increasing creative production in whatever space you have. Please bring photographs, sample containers or devices, or descriptions of your best items or tricks for a better functioning or more appealing room design.

Heartstring Quilters

The newsletter of Heartstring Quilters is published monthly. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:15 PM when there is a speaker, and 7:30 PM if there is no speaker.

Membership dues are \$25/year
Guest fee is \$3, or \$5 when there is a speaker.

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Newsletter Submissions

Send items for newsletter, announcements and information from other guilds, etc. by the 18th of each month to Elizabeth Van Schaick at:
skoik@comcast.net

Please make sure submissions have been proofread and are free of unnecessary formatting.

The February/March issue of
Mary Englebreit's Home Companion
magazine features a very cute article about antique toy sewing machines. Often made of tin, they came in many cheerful colors.

Main Line Quilters Exhibit
Newtown Public Library
201 Bishop Hollow Road
Newtown Square, PA
Feb 29 -- March 28, 2008
Directions/Hours available at
newtownlibrary.org
610-353-1022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ARTQUILT ELEMENTS

We cannot believe almost 2 years has passed since the final exhibit of ArtQuilts at the Sedgwick but here it is 2008 and we are so excited to premiere the new ArtQuilt Elements 2008 at the Wayne Art Center. It is an important time to reach out to our audience and bring them to the Wayne Art Center where 75 artquilts will be on display in 2 galleries and 2 lobbies.

Once again We NEED YOUR HELP. Many of you helped with the distribution of our postcards and posters and we are reaching out again in the hopes you can help us distribute anytime between March 12-24.

Please email me, Debbie, at quiltist@comcast.net and I will begin to organize neighborhoods that include galleries, art centers and art oriented stores.

Thank you so much... your time and energy has been so valued by all of us who are trying to keep this exhibit going.

Debbie, Suzan and Cindy

Singer Featherweight For Sale!

Recently completely serviced. Sews like a dream. Can deliver in the Philadelphia area.
Asking \$300.

If you have any questions please contact Joan: <joanw@catlover.com> or 215-467-1339.



This beautiful little Singer Featherweight came from an old Philadelphia estate, was made in Elizabeth, NJ, April 4, 1947 (according to the serial number, AH195525, from the Singer dating charts).

Great used condition, has some gold decor loss on the front edge, some paint chips on the wheel, but runs like a dream and has been all “tuned up” by a professional Singer tech just a few days ago and is guaranteed by him for one year (he covers the Philadelphia & New Jersey areas) which also saves you over \$100!

Comes with the foot control, power cord and case and a scanned copy of the 221-1 manual. The case is not pristine but the latches work fine and it does the job.

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Although most of us probably have at least a few nice “How To” or gallery-style books about quilts, there is nothing that can compare to seeing quilts and fabric art in person. Being right in front of a well made antique or traditional quilt puts us in touch with the lines of quilting stitches made by patient hands, and shows us the textures and small scale patterns that invoke comfort. Being able to examine actual quilts in a display, both at a distance and very close up, leads to startling inspiration. We can learn a great deal in one visit about new subjects for quilts (from robots to recycling to rainy days) and new techniques (from fusing to free-motion quilting to finishing).

Spring is a time that reminds us of growth again every year, so it is fitting that fiber and quilts enjoy a new showing in our area just as spring is beginning. I hope that everyone finds encouragement in these exhibitions to grow as quilt makers. Each year at this time, before it is warm, but when there is at least a little evidence of the trees’ and flowers’ quiet reinvigoration, I take out my CD of the musical “The Secret Garden” and listen to it. The lyrics are extremely well written and the music is goes from tender to loud and dramatic. Together, they play up the links between the cycles in nature and the freezing and thawing in our emotional lives. Here’s hoping that we all will be sending out new shoots in our creative lives and many more quilts will be blooming.

Elizabeth

in Just-
spring when the world is mud-
luscious the little
lame balloonman

whistles far and wee

and eddieandbill come
running from marbles and
piracies and it's
spring

when the world is puddle-wonderful

the queer
old baloonman whistles
far and wee
and bettyandisbel come dancing

from hop-scotch and jump-rope and

it's
spring
and
the

goat-footed

balloonMan whistles
far
and
wee

-- e.e. cummings

Refreshments

March: Judy Bergman: Beverage/Snack
Christeen Brady: savory
Patti Britt: Dessert/Sweet
April: TBA

If your name appears in the newsletter for next month's refreshments and you will not be able to provide them, please contact another member to take your place. The refreshments responsibility is rotated in alphabetical order. If you do need to switch with another member, please notify the hospitality chairperson, Lida Pos Klesius at aklesius1@comcast.net

Around the Guilds

Love Apple Quilters

<http://www.loveapplequilters.com>
website not updated

Undercover Quilters

<http://www.undercoverquilters.com>
March: Jane Hamilton... 'Scrap Attack'--an exploration into how our ancestors dealt with scraps.
April: TBA

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters

<http://www.valleyforgequilters.org>
website not updated

Main Line Quilters

<http://www.mlq.whitecarp.com/html/prog.html>
Friday March 21, 9:30 am, Trish Chambers on "Freedom Quilts and The Underground Railroad" at the Court Yard by the Marriott Devon, 762 W Lancaster Ave, Wayne. Guest fee of \$4.
Contact Ruth Lazarus 610-688-5388 main-linequilters.org
April 17, Eleanor Levie "Not Just for Mothers' Day"

ALEX ANDERSON COMES TO LOCAL AREA

Alex Anderson, host of HGTV's "Simply Quilts" will be appearing at the Valley Forge Radisson Hotel, courtesy of Byrne Sewing Connection, Steve's Sewing and Vacuum store and Hayes.

Friday, March 14th and Saturday, March 15th - 10am or 3pm - \$20
Fun, refreshments and doorprizes, too!

Call to reserve your tickets! 215-230-9411 or toll free 888-302-9411



Japanese quilted
handbag

Kyoto, 2006

Calendar of Events

Through May 18th: **FRIDA KAHLO**. Organized in celebration of the centenary of the artist's birth, this exhibition of over 40 paintings focuses on Frida Kahlo's extraordinary self-portraits. Philadelphia Museum of Art. Read more at www.philamuseum.org/exhibitions/278.html

March 1st - March 29th: **ArtQuilts at the Sedgwick, AQATS RE:View** Wayne Art Center 413 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087 610-688-3553 wayneart.org/exhibits/artquilts.php. Reception Sunday, March 9th, 3-5 p.m.

April 4th - May 10th: **Art Quilt Elements 2008**. Wayne Art Center. Featuring Lonni Rossi, Dominic Nash, Leslie Riley, Carol Taylor and many others. Reception Friday, April 4th, 7-10 p.m.

March 5th-30th: **Fiber Artists: Philadelphia, #5**. Featuring Amy Orr, Deborah Schwartzman, Kathy Weaver, Bette Uscott-Woolsey and many others. Curated by K. Pannepacker, textile/visual artist. Reception Sunday, March 9th, 1-5 p.m. DaVinci Art Alliance 704 Catharine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 215-769-0466 Gallery hours: Wed. 6-8 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. www.davinciartalliance.org

Through April 6th: **Susie Brandt: Rummage**. The Design Center at Philadelphia University. Receptions Thurs. January 24th 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sat. March 8, 4-6 p.m. 4200 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144. 215-951-2860. philau.edu/designcenter

Saturday, March 8th, 4-6 p.m.: **Knit, Print, Weave: Design Studio Tour**. Philadelphia University School of Engineering and Textiles. Ground Floor, Hayward Hall. Henry Avenue near School House Lane. philau.edu/textiledesign

March 7th- April 20th 2008: **6th International Fiber Biennial**. Featuring Nancy Crow, Michael James, Barbara Lee Smith, Leslie Pontz and many others. Curated by Bruce Hoffman. Reception Friday March 7, 4-9 p.m. Snyderman-Works Gallery 303 Cherry Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 215.238.9576 www.snyderman-works.com

See email for full list of FiberPhiladelphia Events!